

4 November 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 30 October 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,
Mr. Herter, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Smith, Adm. Strauss,
Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Demonstration of American Technological Development

Following up a subject covered in a number of recent meetings, the group discussed again actions that might be taken to demonstrate American accomplishments in the technological field. Admiral Strauss addressed himself particularly to atomic energy developments. Among other things he suggested that the Nautilus might proceed to Antwerp at the time of the Brussels Fair and that energy from its power plant be used to light the US pavilion at the fair. In addition, the vessel could be opened to the public in Antwerp.

The thought was again expressed that the Soviets might try to "scoop" us with some spectacular development on 7 November. With this in mind, it was agreed that the list of possible actions on our part should be screened quickly to select those which would be the most practical and effective.

2. Atomic Energy Exhibits

Admiral Strauss raised the question of the desirability of atomic energy exhibits at various international exhibitions. He spoke particularly of exhibitions scheduled for Rome and Sidney next year and pointed out that no funds were available within the AEC budget to cover worthwhile atomic energy displays, nor had other agencies been able to obligate funds for these purposes. This discussion ended with no particular conclusions.

3. International Conferences

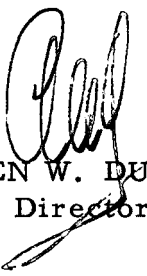
With particular reference to the International Union of Official Travel Organizations' convention, scheduled to be held in Washington beginning 1 November 1957, it was concluded that invitations to foreign groups of this kind must be properly coordinated in order to avoid embarrassing or sensitive security situations. It was suggested that an existing working group under OCB auspices be charged with looking into these matters.

4. Atoms for Peace

Mr. Herter stated that he thought the most effective thing that could be done by the US to combat Soviet technological advances would be to continue to push forward vigorously with our Atoms for Peace programs.

5. Yemen

Mr. Herter reported briefly on attempts to secure backing for the Yemen Development Corporation. He pointed out that their franchise is due to expire on 2 November but that all efforts to induce an American company to take up the franchise have been fruitless. It was reluctantly concluded that there seems to be little further that the US Government can do to encourage private enterprise in this region.


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